THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Special attention is being given towards in-situ slum improvement rather than slum clearance in the said cities.

(b) The estimate of slum population in 1990 in Bombay is 4·12 millions. This is less than the slum population in some other cities.

(c) and (d) 'Urban Development' is a state subject and specific schemes of slum improvement are formulated and implemented by the State Governments in accordance with their needs and priorities. The present policy of the Government lays emphasis on the environmental improvement of slums rather than massive clearance and relocation. The schemes where under funds as provided for slum improvement are given below :

(i) Under the State sector scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS), basic amenities like low cost water supply, drainage, community baths and latrines, widening and paving of lanes and street lighting are provided in urban slums. The EIUS is an intergral part of the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) in urban areas. For the year 1992-93, an amount of Rs. 12·17 crores has been allocated for Maharashtra in the State's Annual Plan for the said programme.

(ii) The World Bank assisted Bombay Urban Development Project has a component of slum improvement worth Rs. 23·74 crores. Expenditure reported upto 31-3-1992 is Rs. 5·54 crores.

Newsitem Captioned "Government Militants' Connivance Alleged"

2534. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Economic Times of 6h June, 1992 under the Caption "Government-militants' connivance alleged";

(b) whether Government are aware that the officials of the J & K Government Department particularly PWD in connivance with contractors/militants misappropriated large sums of moneyi from State exchequer in respect of many works which have been shown as completed and bills drawn at the point of mtlitant's gun ;

(c) if so, what are the details of such works which have been shown as completed and the amount of bills drawn during each of the last three years whereas such works have not actually been completed ; and

(d) whether Governmen have made an enquiry into the matter and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Allotment of Land to Rajya Sabha/ Lok Sabha Secretariats for Construction of Houses

2535. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact th Government have allotted a lan